



CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE CRIER

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

THURSDAY, November 15, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall

November-December: Donation Drive Benefiting Manna Food Center (see article at right)

November 12: Veterans Day; Offices Closed

November 18: Historical Society Event (see pg. 7)

November 22: Thanksgiving Day; Offices Closed

November 27: Series Speaker (see pg. 6)

December 4 & 18: Chevy Chase@Home Events (see pg. 6 for more information)

December 10: Board of Managers' Meeting

December 12: Annual Village Holiday Party

December Appeal/Variance

Deadline: Mon., Nov. 19 by 5:00 p.m.

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REMINDER TO PEDESTRIANS: CROSS CONNECTICUT AVENUE WITH CAUTION

With the end of daylight savings and pedestrian involved collisions making headlines across local and national news, residents are reminded to CROSS WITH CAUTION when using the pedestrian crosswalk on Connecticut Avenue at Lenox Street. This pedestrian crosswalk is NOT A FULLY ACTUATED SIGNAL, therefore, THERE IS NO RED LIGHT that will signal drivers along Connecticut Avenue to stop. Drivers are not required to stop for the flashing beacons nor are they required to stop while a pedestrian remains on the curb.

When using the crosswalk, please remember the following:

- Wait for a break in traffic.
- Press the button to activate the yellow flashing beacons.
- An audible message will play alerting you that the flashing beacons have been activated (please remove earbuds and headphones so you can hear this message) and will continue for the duration of the flashers' activation: "Yellow flashers activated for Connecticut; cross with caution".
- **TRAFFIC IS NOT REQUIRED TO STOP unless a pedestrian is within the crosswalk.**
- **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CROSS UNLESS YOU ARE SURE THAT IT IS SAFE TO DO SO.**
- The flashing beacons may stop flashing before you are able to completely cross Connecticut Avenue. The beacons are programmed to flash for 32 seconds, which may not provide sufficient time for pedestrians to wait until it is safe to cross and safely do so.

Village Police continue to monitor for driver compliance and Village officials continue to pursue efforts to secure a three-color standard signal through the State Highway Administration. In the interim, it is abundantly important that pedestrians use the crosswalk with utmost care and caution and that drivers heed the flashing lights and remain alert for pedestrians in the crosswalk.

Should you have any questions regarding the crosswalk and flashing warning beacons, please contact the Village Communications Center at 301-654-7300.

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE: OCTOBER-DECEMBER

For the sixth year in a row, Chevy Chase Village is partnering with the Manna Food Center, the largest food bank in Montgomery County. Now through December, when attending Village events residents are asked to bring a non-perishable item to donate. Accepted donations include: peanut butter, tuna fish, beans, oatmeal, mac and cheese, pasta, baby food, and shelf-stable milk. Please ensure your donated food has not expired.



BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED OCTOBER 2018

Quincy Street to Conn. Ave	Install fiber optic cable
126 Grafton Street	Replace a/c unit
5613 Montgomery Street	Install 6' tall fence
27 Primrose Street	Install fencing
15 Newlands Street	Replace driveway
17 Hesketh Street	Install 4' tall fence
113 Hesketh Street	Fence to enclose rear yard
17 Hesketh Street	Install 2 a/c units
119 Hesketh Street	Install 3 a/c units
2 East Kirke Street	Replace fence
3919 Oliver Street	Replace driveway
3917 Oliver Street	Replace driveway
5 Primrose Street	Expand new deck
5 Primrose Street	Install fence in rear yard
22 Hesketh Street	New water service line
111 East Melrose Street	Replace side yard fence
22 Hesketh Street	Move 2 a/c units to roof
5608 Montgomery Street	Replace fence
5606 Montgomery Street	Replace fence
Connecticut Ave	Install service line

PLEASE BE A CONSIDERATE OWNER/ HANDLER AT THE BROOKVILLE ROAD PARK

Village police have received calls from residents living near the Brookville Dog Park of incessantly barking dogs. According to park rules (and Village Code), users of the dog park are required to attend to their dogs to prevent their dogs from continuously or uncontrollably barking. If a dog continues to bark, the owner/handler must remove the dog from the park. An occasional bark is expected, but constant barking is disturbing to other park users as well as the surrounding neighbors.

Police officers have been stopping by the park proactively to talk with visitors to make them aware of this rule. If you bring a dog to the park, please be considerate and calm your dog right away if it begins to bark.



To view the full listing of rules and regulations that apply in the park, visit the park page on the Village website.

ANNUAL LEAF COLLECTION



The Public Works Department's yearly leaf collection effort began in October and will continue as often as needed through December.

Each week, the leaf truck on the **west side** of the Village will begin on West Melrose St. and work south ending on Western Ave.; and the leaf

truck on the **east side** will begin on East Irving St. working north and ending on Quincy St.

Residents on Bradley Lane are required to bag their leaves before placing them at the roadside. Bradley Lane leaf bags will be collected throughout the week, as part of your normal yard waste collections. **If you bag your leaves, they must be placed in paper bags.** Public Works will not pick up leaves that have been bagged in plastic.

Residents and their lawn care contractors are asked to rake their leaves as close to the curb as possible without putting them in the roadway gutter. Please inform your landscape crews of this requirement. Should it rain, leaves piled in the gutter will dam the water causing it to pond. Please avoid boxing in piles of leaves between cars both for easier accessibility for the collection crews and safety for your vehicles.

Sticks and other sharp tree and garden debris should be left loose and placed in separate piles from leaves. Sharp debris can tear the leaf collection hoses or dull the blades, resulting in downtime for the machine to allow for repairs to the vacuum machinery that can cause delays in the schedule.

Leaves on each block in the Village should be collected once per week, weather permitting. Schedule updates will be circulated through the Village's weekly blast emails.

SIGN UP FOR EMAIL BLAST(S)

Sign-up for the Village Email Blasts! The Village operates two email distribution lists to deliver information to residents:

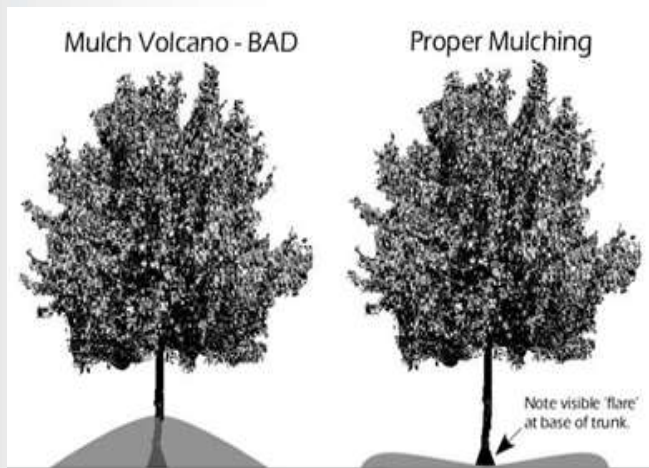
Urgent News Alerts are emergency alerts that are sent out only on an as-needed basis. **General News Alerts**, which are geared toward community events, Board Meetings, etc. will be sent out weekly. To subscribe, please visit the Village's website at www.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov and click on the tablet icon at the top of the Village's homepage.

WINTERIZING TREES

BY DR. TOLBERT FEATHER, VILLAGE ARBORIST

Trees have been overwintering in place for thousands of years. The main defense for broadleaf trees (maples, oaks, sycamore, etc.) is to shed leaves and slow down the movement of water and nutrients within the wood. We call this a deciduous tree. Evergreen trees (pines, spruce, hemlock, cedar, etc.) have a different strategy. Evergreen trees retain leaves (needles) throughout the winter and even are functional during the winter, at a reduced rate, transporting water and making photosynthates (food).

Deciduous trees can adapt and defend themselves against the winter elements. Established trees don't require any "help". Freezing and thawing of topsoil could harm newly planted trees. This can be mitigated by applying 2-3" of mulch around the base of the tree. The mulch can be shredded hardwood, pine bark, pine fines or compost. Remember not to pile the mulch around the stem of the tree (see picture below).



Evergreen trees are active during the winter so they lose water through the leaves (needles). "Winter burn" on evergreen trees is caused by the relatively lower humidity during the winter months combined with winds. These conditions can dry out and kill leaves. Usually established trees are acclimated to winter but newly planted evergreens may be damaged. The best way to reduce damage is to keep the new evergreen trees moist by watering the base during the winter months with 3 – 4 gallons of water once a week.

Winter is a good time to prune deciduous trees, not necessarily because they are dormant, but because the leaves are off and the structure of the tree is visible.

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It is easy to prune smaller or newly planted trees and it is important to do early pruning to shape trees. A great online guide for pruning trees can be found at <http://www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/horticulture/dg0628.html>.

Lastly, the State of Maryland requires contractors that are performing tree work to be licensed through the Department of Natural Resources. Ask for your contractor's Licensed Tree Expert number before you hire them.

DO I NEED A PERMIT?

If you are thinking of starting a renovation, constructing an addition, beginning a landscape or storm water management project, please contact the Village office for information and to determine what permits may be required. There are County and Village building regulations that may apply.



Please contact the Village's Permitting and Code Enforcement Coordinator, Greg Garland at (301) 654-7300 or ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov.

When in doubt, reach out!

RESIDENTS SOUGHT TO SERVE ON VILLAGE FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Village's Financial Review Committee is seeking interested residents. The 5-person committee is charged with reviewing the Village's audited financial statements with Village management and the Village's independent auditors; monitoring any unusual adjustments proposed by the independent auditors, the internal controls the Village is employing, the need for additional clarifying language, and similar matters. As directed by the Village Board or Board Treasurer, the committee meets with management to discuss investment of Village reserves and matters relating to income tax revenue and *SafeSpeed* Program assumptions used in the Village budget, future years' revenue and expenditure assumptions, and the adequacy of Village financial reserves.

Members are appointed by the Village Board, which seeks individuals who have financial and accounting backgrounds. Interested residents should contact Financial Review Committee Chair Lou Morsberger at lou@ljmorsberger.com for more information.

BOARD ACTIONS:

OCTOBER 8, 2018 BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes:

September 10, 2018 Regular Session - *approved*

Treasurer's Report

Board Treasurer Gary Crockett advised that he would be working along with Board Assistant Treasurer Minh Le and Village Finance Director Demetri Protos in coming months to review and revise the Village's Investment Policy.

Matters Presented for Board Consideration and Possible Action

- **Contract Authorization Request** Holiday Party Caterer: *Balducci's Food Lover's Market* - *approved*.

Commission & Committee Matters

- **Financial Review Committee:** Presentation of the draft audited financial statements for FY2018 prepared by the independent auditing firm Lindsey & Associates, LLC - *no comments received from the Board; the audit was deemed final*

This is a synopsis of the Board's actions. To view an archive of the approved minutes, or to listen to audio recordings of the most recent Board Meetings, please visit the Village website: www.chevy Chase Village MD.gov by clicking on "Board of Managers Meetings" under the header "Quick Links" on the homepage.

Next Regular Board of Managers' Meeting: Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

REMINDERS FOR SAFE USE OF THE TRAFFIC ROUNDABOUT ON MONTGOMERY STREET

The recently completed traffic roundabout has been installed on the section of Montgomery Street located west of the Buffer between The Collection at Chevy Chase and Saks Fifth Avenue parking lots. Much of the signage for drivers has not yet been installed making navigation of the roundabout somewhat precarious for pedestrians and drivers. Village staff is working with the owners of the shopping center—The Chevy Chase Land Company—to get the signage and new lane markings installed as soon as possible.

In the interim, here are some reminders to ensure safe navigation of the new roundabout:

For Pedestrians

- Pedestrians should remain on the brick sidewalks and crosswalks at all times. While it may be tempting to save yourself some time and steps by bisecting the roundabout or walking across the path of the parking gates as you exit or approach the entrance to the Buffer, doing so is dangerous and could result in conflicts with vehicles. Remain on the brick sidewalks at all times.

For Drivers

- Drivers are **REQUIRED** to STOP and yield to pedestrians and to any drivers that are already traveling within the circle prior to entering. Always STOP prior to entering the roundabout.
- This section of Montgomery Street and the traffic roundabout receive a high volume of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, therefore, drivers should be cautious and travel at a reasonable speed when entering, exiting and driving within the roundabout. Drivers should be mindful of pedestrians at all times and maintain a reasonable speed.
- As is standard for all traffic rotaries, you must enter the roundabout by turning right and traveling in a counter-clockwise direction (as you would do in Chevy Chase Circle). At no time should drivers enter the roundabout by turning left. The roundabout is **ONE WAY—to the RIGHT**.

By adhering to these reminders, both pedestrians and motorists will ensure safe access to and through this new traffic feature.

THE POLICE BEAT

E-mail Police Chief John M. Fitzgerald: john.m.fitzgerald@montgomerycountymd.gov

GET YOUR SCRAPERS READY



You must remove all snow and ice from your vehicle's windows and roof before driving.

We've all seen it: the car driving down the road with the windshield and all the windows obscured by snow or ice. Other times, we see a towering pile of snow on the roof of a car ahead of us threatening to drop on top of us as we motor around the beltway. Those drivers are not only lazy, but they are creating a hazard to themselves and others, and they are breaking the law.

State law requires that you take the time to remove **all** the ice and snow from your car's windows and from the roof of your vehicle. Failure to clear your windows carries a \$70 fine, and failure to remove snow or ice from your vehicle's roof carries a \$90 fine.

Please keep yourself and the rest of us safe by cleaning off your car before you drive down the road.

REMEMBER: DON'T DRIVE DISTRACTED

'Hands free' means just that: You can't use your hands to hold your phone—even when it's on speaker.

It seems that some drivers just can't help it—they just HAVE TO make or answer that call or read that text while they're driving. It seems that it's very much like a drug addiction. When that smart phone vibrates or makes a noise, some folks have no will power—they go to the phone the way Pavlov's dog reacted to the ringing of the bell. If this describes you, please stop. You are endangering yourself and others. It's selfish, it's unsafe, and by the way, it's illegal.

If you cannot trust yourself to refrain from handling your smart phone while you are in control of a vehicle, then either turn it off or put it out of reach before you start driving. If you absolutely must communicate using your smart phone while you are in your car, then stop in a safe place (a parking lot or a side street—NOT in a place that will impede traffic), put the car in 'park' and make/receive that communication. Please. And Remember

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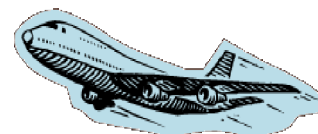
TRAVEL SAFETY TIPS



With the holidays approaching, families will be traveling. Here are a few tips that you may find helpful during your trip:

AT THE AIRPORT

- Keep your baggage wedged between your feet or have a hand on it at all times.
- Don't put your purse on the X-ray belt until you are walking through the gate and can retrieve it instantly. When lines become backed up, it would be easy for a thief to simply pick up your purse without anyone noticing.
- Don't hang your purse or backpack on the back of your chair; thieves can quickly remove items without you ever knowing.



AT YOUR HOTEL

Don't answer the door in a hotel or motel without verifying who it is. When returning to your hotel room late in the evening, use the main entrance. After you're in your room, secure your door using all locking devices available.



Don't display large amounts of cash or expensive jewelry -- this can draw the wrong person's attention to you. Use the in-room safe to store your passport, ID, jewelry, cash or other valuables. Leaving these things loose in your room invites theft. Don't feed the temptation.

Enjoy the holiday season!

Our Key Program only works if we have your key! If you have not already done so, please return your house key in case you or a family member gets locked out and so the Village Police can access your home in an emergency.

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE SENIOR CORNER

Chevy Chase@Home presents programs in cooperation with Chevy Chase Village every month throughout the year. Our programs are open to everyone. The weather has been so unpredictable – but we still keep moving along.

We are in the midst of the beautiful colors of nature in Autumn. And we hope you will join us at our coming events – and be sure to bring your friends and neighbors. We welcome all and offer refreshments at our events. We strive to bring you events to inform and to entertain you. November is the month that we celebrate Thanksgiving and start preparations for the Holiday Season. We have three programs to help you celebrate.

SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday, December 4, 7-9 pm - Long time Chevy Chase Village resident and noted political commentator, Mark Shields will be the guest speaker at our Chevy Chase@Home event. Mr. Shields returns after eight years when he was the speaker at our First Chevy Chase@Home Gala. We are fortunate to have him back. Due to limited space, registration is required. Please call: 301-657-3115 or email: info@chevyCHASEathome.org.

Tuesday, December 18, 2-4 pm - Our **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY!!** A quartet from the Sweet Adelines will entertain us with traditional barbershop and seasonal songs. And we will have our special holiday treats, including rum cake, cookies and eggnog and cider. Wear your festive garb, bring your friends and prepare to celebrate with us.

Do you know a performer, speaker, artist, etc. who would come to speak, entertain, or teach us? Please contact me by e-mail, bettyoconnor2@verizon.net, or phone, 301-656-0497. These programs are presented for you by Chevy Chase Village and Chevy Chase@Home.

"I want to express my appreciation for all the thoughts, prayers and kind acts that you showered on me during my traumatic experience. Thanks to all, and it's great to be back".

Betty O'Connor

Chair, Village Committee for Seniors

THE COMMUNITY CORNER



- Mark your calendars for our next
- volunteer neighborhood speaker
- on **Tuesday, November 27 at**
- **7:00 p.m. – Dr. Chadi Tanios**
- **Abouassaly, MD, Trauma**
- **Surgeon at Washington Hospital**
- **Center.** Dr. Abouassaly will
- present the trauma process from
- the view of a very busy urban
- Trauma Center. He will discuss
- how lives are saved and what you
- can do to help a victim. Dr. Abouassaly will also review the
- changing nature of training new surgeons and the need for
- Trauma training at public institutions. Students with a desire
- for medical studies are encouraged to attend.
- We always welcome added neighborhood volunteer speak-
- ers and your thoughts for alternative entertainment for our
- gatherings. If you have any questions or suggestions please
- contact Lance Patterson at MLPatterson2@verizon.net with
- any questions or suggestions for the speaker series

Lance Patterson

Chair, Community Relations Committee

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE STAFFING

The Village's Administrative & Constituent Services Assistant, Simone Kolnik, welcomed her first child, a healthy daughter, last month. We wish Simone and her husband Chris all the best as they care for their new bundle of joy.

During Simone's absence, we are happy to welcome **Ms. Racara Sawyer** who will be filling in for Simone through mid-January. Please contact Racara via email to ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov or by phone (301-654-7300) should you need assistance with matters such as Hall rentals, classes, community events, the Village newsletter or website or to inquire of general Village information.

HISTORY OF WASHINGTON'S GRAND DEPARTMENT STORES IS NOVEMBER 18 LECTURE TOPIC

The Chevy Chase Historical Society invites local residents to an illustrated lecture, "The Glory Days of Washington's Grand Department Stores: A Nostalgic Look Back," on **Sunday, November 18, at 4 p.m. at the Jane Lawton Community Center, 4301 Willow Lane, in the Town of Chevy Chase.**

Michael Lisicky, author of 11 books about once-iconic department stores including Gimbles in New York, Wanamaker's in Philadelphia, Filene's in Boston and "Woodies" in Washington, DC and Chevy Chase, will be the featured speaker. He will focus on Woodward and Lothrop, Garfinckels, Hecht's and other now-shuttered DC stores, beloved for their elaborate holiday window displays, wedding services and Tea Room specialties.

A reception of light refreshments will follow Lisicky's talk. Copies of his 2013 book, *Woodward and Lothrop: A Store Worthy of the Nation's Capital*, will be available for sale and signing by the author. No reservations are required, and the program is free. Questions may be directed to CCHS at 301/656-6141.

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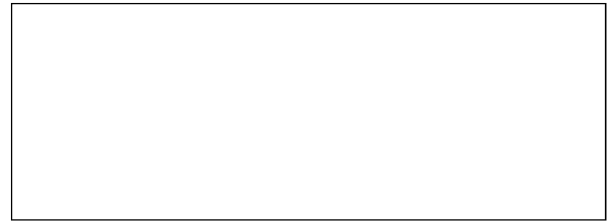


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VILLAGE MANAGER

Shana R. Davis-Cook



TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION;

SPECIAL PICK-UPS



Resident input regarding the contracted services for trash and recycling collection is an important factor during the evaluation of these services. Please contact the Village office to provide your feedback.

The Village provides rear door collection of refuse and recycling as a convenience to our residents. Please leave your gates unlocked to allow access to your receptacles and remember to contact the Communications Center if either your refuse or recycling were not collected.

Special Pickups of bulk items are collected on Wednesdays. Requests must be submitted either by phone or through the Village website by 2:00 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday to ensure collection.

HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR REFUSE AND RECYCLING Week of Thanksgiving, November 22, 2018

IF YOUR NORMAL COLLECTION DAY IS...	YOUR COLLECTION DAY WILL BE...
Thursday	Friday
Friday	Saturday

SAVE THE DATE

The Village's **Annual Holiday Party** will be held on **Wednesday, December 12** from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. More information will be mailed to residents in late-November.



FOLLOW CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER!!

<https://www.facebook.com/CCVillage>

<https://twitter.com/chevychasevill>



The mobile service bus will visit the Friendship Heights Village Center along Friendship Boulevard on

Monday, November 26

from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For more information, call (301) 656-2797 or visit

www.FriendshipHeightsmd.gov